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SUBJ: QUAI VIEW OF BHUTTO VISIT TO PARIS

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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA MOREAU SAID THAT SINCE BHUTTO VISIT WAS PRIVATE AND MOST OF CONVERSATION WAS BETWEEN POMPIDOU AND BHUTTO ALONE, HE HAD ONLY A SKETCHY ORAL REPORT FROM THE ELYSEE.

2. RELEASE OF PAKISTANI PRISONERS. BHUTTO WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING SOME REITERATION OF FRENCH SUPPORT FOR THE RELEASE OF PAKISTANI PRISONERS. HE WAS INTRANSIGENT IN HIS POSITION THAT BANGLADESH MUST ABANDON ITS INTENTION TO CONDUCT TRIALS BEFORE ANY PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE TOLD FRENCH PAKISTAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE 2500,000 BIHARIS IF OTHER ASPECTS OF PROBLEM WERE SOLVED. GOF MAINTAINED ITS POSITION THAT PRISONERS SHOULD BE RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 118 OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION; BHUTTO SAID HE WAS VERY SATIS-  
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FIED WITH THIS POSITION.

3. KASHMIR RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH. ALTHOUGH BOTH SUBJECTS WERE RAISED IN BHUTTO'S PRESS CONFERENCE, MOREAU SAID THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THEY WERE DISCUSSED WITH THE GOF.

4. AFGHANISTAN CRISIS. IN LINE WITH WHAT HE SAID IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE, BHUTTO TOLD THE FRENCH THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF MEDDLING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFGHANISTAN, BUT PAKISTAN HAD TO FOLLOW THE EVENTS THERE WITH VIGILANCE.

5. BILATERAL AFFAIRS. ARMS DISCUSSIONS. THE DISCUSSION OF ARMS PURCHASES WAS CONDUCTED PRIMARILY BY MEMBERS OF BHUTTO'S TEAM, NOT BY BHUTTO HIMSELF. IT WAS MORE A QUESTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING CONTRACTS THAN OF NEW PURCHASES, MOREAU SAID, HOWEVER, THAT A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH SIDE HAD COMMENTED THAT IT WAS ADVANTAGEOUS TO FRANCE TO HAVE BHUTTO VISIT FRANCE BEFORE THE US IN ORDER TO GIVE THE FRENCH FIRST CRACK AT ANY NEW ARMS BUSINESS.

6. FRENCH COMMENT. MOREAU SAID THAT BHUTTO HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO THEM AND TO THE PRESS ON HIS RETURN TO PAKISTAN THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE VISIT. THE FRENCH THOUGHT THAT HE HAD FOUND IT USEFUL FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF HIS INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION. THE VISIT ALSO SERVED TO SHOW INDIA AND BANGLADESH THAT PAKISTAN HAD VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.  
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